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The Gatekeeper

The offical newsletter of the

Barony of Unser Hafen

May 2026

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Baronial Bite

Happy spring to Our beautiful Barony!

We are in need of volunteers for several events and would love your help if you are willing and able!

Our champions event is coming up May 29-31 and there are many positions available that need to be filled to make this a successful event. Please contact the event autocrat if you are interested in helping Gurken be as spectacular as we all know it will be!

We are also in need of a land coordinator for Battlemoor. The organization for camping will be different this year and it is going to be exciting to develop our home at this event. If you are interested, please let Us know.

A big congratulations to all Our 2026 graduates! It's an enormous amount of work to get an education and We are SO very proud of you! To those still working towards a degree, We believe in you!

Another congratulations and a heartfelt thank you to Their Excellencies of Dragonsspine, Adelasia and Toirrdhealbhach on their successful tenure as Baron and Baroness. You have earned your rest well and We have been so happy to serve the Outlands alongside you. And welcome to their successors, Robert and Isabeau! We are excited for you both to be stepping into your new roles!

Lastly, another big congratulations to Baroness Meadhbh! Her hard work throughout the years serving Unser Hafen, the Outlands, and the SCA have culminated in an offer of admittance to the Order of the Pelican! This is well deserved indeed!

As always, please send us any award recommendations, be they for Unser Hafen or for Kingdom awards. We are happy to pass recommendations on to Their Majesties.

Be good!

Kitta and Safiyya

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Seneschal's Sentiments

Hello Unser Hafen!

We're headed to the full schedule of summer. Let's all congratulate our new Crown Prince Mordygan and Crown Princess Ymanie! Their Coronation is set for July 18 at the Lowry Conference Center in the Barony of Caerthe.

Planning continues for the Kingdom A&S Collegium in September and the Northern Baronial Champions will happen on May 29 at the South Platte Valley Historic Park in Fort Lupton, CO. Unser Hafen will also be hosting Newcomers and Kingdom A&;S Collegium.

The Barony of Dragonsspine will be investing their new Baron and Baroness, Master Robert and THL Isabeau on May 9 at the Grace and St. Stephens Episcopal Church. And, of course, let's not forget Battlemoor! Our Excellencies of Unser Hafen are seeking a camping coordinator to help set up a Baronial camp. If you're interested, contact them for particulars.

The Barony of Unser Hafen's Chronicler Lady Caillech (Kayla) Dhe Silvertongue, and Webminister Lady Valerie are still looking for replacements. They have labored hard and long and have earned their retirement. If you are interested in these positions, please contact them at chronicler@unserhafen.org and webminister@unserhafen.org. You can contact me also if you have any questions.

I would like to remind everyone that much of our land is suffering from the lack of moisture so PLEASE remember to take great care with fire. Or just avoid it all together. Too many of our neighbors have lost their homes.

Until we meet again, I remain yours in service,

Meadhbh

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Herald's Call

Hello, good folk of Unser Hafen!

More submissions have come forth in the past month. Yes, ha ha ha (*read this laugh in a sinister tone*), yesss…! Ahem.

I think I'd like to keep doing fun heraldry facts in these reports, so long as I am able to come up with them. Did you know that the names for the heraldic tinctures we use in the SCA - being argent, azure, gules, Or, purpure, sable, and vert - are derived from French? This may not be so surprising, considering that the style of heraldry we use for our game is specifically based upon Western European practices; the French were big fans, evidently. But now you know that, in case you didn't before!

Please email me or find me on Messenger and Discord should you need or want my assistance, as always. This month, you'll find me in-person at both Dragonsspine Investiture and at Gurkenlandschaft! At the latter, if you approach me and pronounce the whole event name correctly without stumbling, I'll give you a little prize.

Yours in service,

Hilarion, Barbican

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Scribal Notes

May's Scribal Night will be on the third Monday, May 18th!

We are collaborating with Caer Galen's Scribe, Baron Massimiliano, for an Ink Making Workshop! Part 1 will be at Unser Hafen's Scribal Night on May 18th, and Part 2 at Caer Galen's Scribal Night on May 21st.

As always, dinner will be available at 6pm and project space/class time at 630 pm. If you would like to partake of dinner and have any food restrictions or allergies, please let Regalis know so she can plan accordingly. Or if you would like to provide dinner, volunteers are always appreciated!

If there is a topic you would love to see covered at future Scribal Nights, please do not hesitate to share! Please email scribe@unserhafen.org with your ideas!

Yours in Service,
Regalis dei Falchi, Baronial Scribe

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Fighter Practice

And A&S Gathering
Has moved to its summer location!
Sundays
2:00 pm to 5:00 pm
Dwayne Webster Veterans Park
400-422 W Eisenhower Blvd, Loveland 80537
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Medieval Night

Peculier Ales

April 6th, 2026
6-8 pm at Peculier Ales
301 Main Street
Windsor, CO 80550

Free Admission

Join us h for dancing, garb making,
arts and crafts,and general merriment.

Garb is encouraged but not required.

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Call for Submissions

Anyone can write for the Gatekeeper!

Do you have an article or story that you would like to share with the populace? Send it to chronicler@unserhafen.org and it will be reviewed for inclusion in the Gatekeeper.

Do you have something to share with the populace concerning an event or activity that you normally post to Facebook? Please forward that information to webminister@unserhafen.org and chronicler@unserhafen.org as well so that it can be posted using all of our communication.

Submissions are due by the 27th of the month (except February, when it is the 24th,) but are accepted at any time.

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Volunteer Opportunities

Get to really know your fellow gentles. Participate instead of just attend. Don't just live the dream. Be one of the ones who make the dream a reality.

Why do we help? Because we care. Because we love the game. Because we know we belong and so do you.

We are the doers, we are the makers, we bear the spirit of the Pelican. And so can you!

Build your renown, your competence, skills, confidence and make more friends who have the same chivalrous and generous heart as you.

Volunteer opportunities range from Event Stewards, Officers and Deputies, PayPal Check-ins, Event Cooks and staff. There are even some openings in the Media Team. The Chronicler and Web Administrators are looking for replacements. No experience necessary; training will be provided.
You will need to submit a Letter of Intent to apply.

How do you want to join the team? Let us know! There's room at the table for you too!

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Baronial Goings On

Armoured and Fencing Practice/ A&S Gathering
Sundays,2:00 p.m - 5:00 PM
See Fighter Practice section above for location.
We welcome any and all Arts & Sciences activities, and general SCA socializing! Updates can be found on the Book of Faces.
Garb is encouraged but not required.

Archery Practice
Archery practice is every Saturday unless cancelled due to conflicts (such as local events). Practice will be at our winter location starting November 1st.
Rocky Mountain Archery
4518 Innovation Dr, Fort Collins, CO 8052

Find us in the "Unser Hafen Archers" group on Facebook for any short notice changes to the schedule.

Calligraphy &/or Illumination
Contact: Regalis dei Falchi
Email:scribe@unserhafen.org

Craft Day at Aslief's
Every first Saturday, May through October.
10 am to 6 pm.
1601 Turkey Walk Trail
Loveland, CO 80537
See website for more information and maps.

Equestrian Practice
Fourth Sunday of every month.
Contact: Lady Cecelia O'Connor
970-420-6652

Scribal Night
Every 3rd Monday at 6:30PM at the home of Lady Regalis dei Falchi, 5318 Ravenswood Lane, Johnstown, CO, (map) or virtually - check the Book of Faces for links to the meetings.

For more information contact scribe@unserhafen.org.

Going on in Sterling

Archery Guild
12 noon every Sunday at
North Sterling State Park Range
24005 Co Rd 330
Sterling, CO 80751

Craft Guilds

Meet Saturdays at at 6:00 pm at
High Plains Dice and Games
100 Broadway St Suite 12
Sterling, CO 80751
Brewers' Guild
Second Saturday of each moth
Fiber Arts Guild
Third Saturday of each month
Scribal Guild
Last Saturday of each month

For more details, contact Shelbybrandes1@gmail.com or

Dance Practice
Monday, February 23rd· 6:30 – 8:30pm
UNC Campus
1710 9th Ave, Greeley
Gunter Hall Gym

Map

Alan.e.brandes@gmail.com.

Visit the Website for more info, directions and any changes to the schedule for any of these activities. .

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Disclaimer

Although the SCA complies with all applicable laws to try to ensure the health and safety of our event participants, we cannot eliminate the risk of exposure to infectious diseases during in-person events. By participating in the in-person events of the SCA, you acknowledge and accept the potential risks. You agree to take any additional steps to protect your own health and safety and those under your control as you believe to be necessary.

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Upcoming Events

Dragonspine Investiture
Saturday, May 9·8:00am – 5:00pm

Grace and St. Stephans Episcopal Church
601-631 N Tejon St., Colorado Springs, Colorado
Event Website

Grand Outlandish Tournaments
May 21sst @ 10:00 am -
May 25 @ 12:00 pm

Franks's Land

Fire on the Plains
June 5 @ noon - June 7@ noon
36725 Fiddleback Ranch Road
Kiowa, CO
Event Website

Lilies War
June 5 @8:00 am - June14 @ 5:00 pm
Kelsey Short Youth Camp
17980 Collins Rd, Smithville, Missouri
Event Website

Battlemore XIV:

69 Doc Holiday Road
Edgewood, New Mexco 87015
Event Website

Northern Baronial Championships & Gurkenlandschaft

May 29 @ 2:00 pm - May 31st @ 5:00
South Platte Valley Historic Park
2001 Historic Pkwy, Fort Lupton, Colorado
Preregistration will be available soon.
Camping is limited; preregister is required.

Kill Them With Kindness

June 23 @ 1:00 pm - June 28 @ 4:00 pm

Golden Eagle Campground
710 Rock Creek Canyon Rd STE 200
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80906
Event Website

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Check the Unser Hafen website or The Book of Faces for additional upcoming events and locations.

Populace Meeting

Virtual Populace Meeting

The third Wednesday of every month at 6:30 pm except for
Quarterly Gatherings/ Populace Meetings
Held in person at location to be announced.
Come and enjoy food and fellowship, along with a little business.

Join with Google Meet: meet.google.com/fbz-auqx-iqi
Join by phone: +1 929-282-1162 PIN: 667 226 830#

For questions, contact seneschal@unserhafen.org

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Kingdom Calendar

Please visit
https://www.outlands.org/events
for the most up-to-date information.

Court of Unser Hafen

Her Excellency
Baroness Kitta Ragnvaldsdottír
baroness@unserhafen.org

Her Excellency
Baroness Safiyya bint Faris al Dani
baroness@unserhafen.org

Court Herald - Master Don Andreas von Meißen
Defender - Lady Sophia Rares
Protector - THL AgmundrThorolfsson
Warden - Lord Alain du Chateau
Equerry - Hancarata Aethnen filia Cuneddae
Arts & Sciences Champion - Lord Gilbertus
Pencerdd Bard - Lady Aelia Dryantilla
Heads of Household - THL Cecilia Caterina de Firenze and Lord Eilifr Breiðskeggr

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Call for Letters of Intent

Chronicler
Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Chronicler, who creates and distributes this newsletter, using a free MailChimp account. Maintains a list of subscribers in MailChimp. Also responsible for any graphics needed using Inkscape (free).

The monthly Gatekeeper usually takes an hour or two to update. Creating headers and graphics takes a few hours once or twice per year.

Web Administrator

Call for Letters of Intent for the position of Web Administrator, who:
Updates and maintains WordPress website per requests by officers as necessary.
Adds new events and update events on Barony's website and Google Calendar.
Quickly updates Archery, Fighter Practices and/ or other Activities on the calendar upon request.
Keeps a list of website changes and fills in a website report every month for the Kingdom Web Ministry.
Emails Chronicler website changes they might need to know to update the newsletter.
Updates Officers/ Court pages and transfers position's email as new people take officer and court positions.
Attends Populace Meetings and gives Webminister reports when prompted by the Seneschal during the meeting.

Attends Kingdom Web Ministry quarterly meetings.

For All Positions

In your letter please include:

- A brief introduction to yourself, including your experience within the SCA and those skills you possess which make you a good candidate.
- Confirmation that you are indeed interested and desirous of the position.
- Optionally, you can provide a listing of awards you have received.
- Your modern name
- Your society/ SCA name.
- Your postal address.
- Your telephone number.
- Your email address.
- A copy of your membership card or membership number.

Officers must maintain SCA membership for the duration of their tenure.

Please send your letter to the following:

- The Unser Hafen Seneschal, Baroness Meadhbh Daingen int Slébh, via seneschal@unserhafen.org
- The Unser Hafen Baronesses Kitta and Safiyya, via baroness@unserhafen.org

Thank you for volunteering to help run our Barony!

More information can be found at: here.

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Baronial Officers

Seneschal:
President
Baroness Meadhbh Daingen Int Slebhe
seneschal@unserhafen.org

Chancellor of the Exchequer:
Treasurer
Mistress Ursula d\'Arcy
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Kurios Hilarion Angelos Akropolities
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Lady Ásleif Valdísardóttir
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Chronicler:
Creates this newsletter
Lady Caillech dhe Silvertongue
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Web Administrators
Maintains the website
Ladies Laurel M. & Valerie F.
webministerl@unserhafen.org

Social Media Officer
Manages social media accounts such as Facebook
Lady Lewena de Galwedia
socialmedia@unserhafen.org

Knight Marshal:
Martial Arts Coordinator
Sir Uchtred Leifsson
knightmarshal@unserhafen.org

Captain of Archers:
Archery Coordinator
Earl Mika Longbow
aarchery@unserhafen.org

Marshal of Fence:
Fencing Coordinator
Don Martin de Cuniga
[Maksym Wilozynski]
fence@unserhafen.org

Equestrian:
Coordinates the organization and safety of equestrian activities.
Lady Cecelia O'Connor
equestrian@unserhafen.org

Chatelaine/ Gold Key:
Public Relations and Welcome Coordinator
Proviides loaner garb for newcomers
Lord Gilbertus de Messina
[Lady Caírech Liath ingen Alpin]
chatelaine@unserhafen.org

Quartermaster:
Maintains and tracks equipment and assists Event Stewards with access to the storage unit.
Lady Laurel M.
quartermaster@unserhafen.org

{Deputies are listed in brackets.}

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Awards and Recognitions

Hype your friends!

If it takes work, there's probably an award for it.
Information on how and why to recommend someone for an award and instructions on how to do so is available on the website.
A list of Baronial Awards can be found here.
A list of Kingdom Awards is available here.

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